

August 5, 2002

Ms. Mary Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
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ATTENTION: Senior Rate Analyst

In compliance with the Department's Order in DTE 01-20 dated July 30, 2002, Verizon Massachusetts is filing interim rates for local switching for effect August 5, 2002. As stated in its July 26, 2002 letter on this matter, Verizon MA has based these interim rates on the July 11, 2002 Department-ordered changes in the cost of switching investments only. These changes include the technology mix and the Department's requirement that Verizon MA "use a blend of 90 percent new switches and ten percent growth switches" (Department Order at 302). In addition, interim rates for Meet Point A, Meet Point B, Meet Point C and reciprocal compensation (which are based on local switching rates), are being filed at this time. Verizon MA requests that these interim rates become effective subject to "true up" based on a final Department order in this docket.

This filing of interim switching rates is reflected in the following DTE MA Tariff 17 sections/pages:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Revision of Page(s)</u>
M	2	12, 13 and 14
M	3	1 and 2

In compliance with the Department's July 11, 2002 Order, Verizon MA will file a comprehensive wholesale rate filing on September 9, 2002, at which time, these interim switching rates will be superceded.

As a final matter, because this filing effectively replaces the tariff filing made by 322Verizon MA on April 10, 2002 (and suspended by the Department on May 9, 2002), Verizon MA hereby withdraws the April 10 filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Vice President – Regulatory-MA

Attachment

cc: Service List 01-20 and 98-57 Phase III/IV